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NORMAN OSBORN IS THE NEW POLITICAL AND MEDIA DARLING AND DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

NORMAN HAS UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY AS THE IRON PATRIOT AND HAS MADE BOLD MOVES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO REMAKE THE COUNTRY'S STATUS QUO INTO HIS IMAGE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS...AN IMAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE MUTANT, MONSTER OR VIGILANTE.

IN THE SHADOWS, NORMAN HAS CALLED TOGETHER A CABAL OF THE MOST DANGEROUS BEINGS IN THE WORLD IN AN EFFORT TO MUTUALLY BENEFIT ONE ANOTHER: DR. DOOM, LOKI, THE HOOD, EMMA FROST, AND NAMOR. WITH NAMOR AND FROST HAVING NOW DISTANCED THEMSELVES FROM THE GROUP, THE CRACKS ARE STARTING TO SHOW...

THE MIGHTY THOR, GOD OF THUNDER, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO EARTH AND BROUGHT THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD, ALONG WITH ALL THE GODS WHO CALLED IT HOME, WITH HIM. ASGARD FLOATS JUST FEET ABOVE THE FIELDS OF OKLAHOMA.

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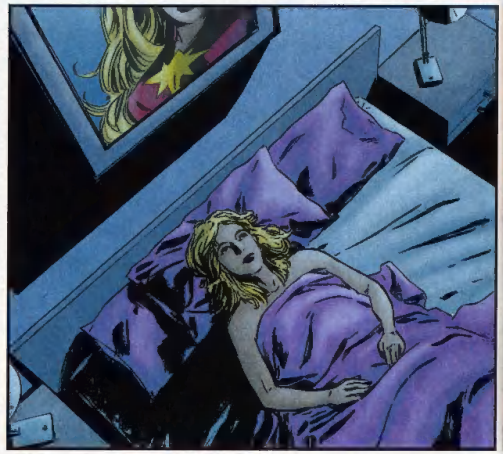
"ASGARD IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
"ON EARTH."
"WHERE IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE?"
"I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN DEITIES AND MYTHOLOGY... BUT CLEARLY NOT. ON. EARTH."
"AND WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT IT?"
"YOU'RE NORMAN OSBORN..."

DO WHAT YOU DO. PUT THE H.A.M.M.E.R. DOWN.
WELL...
WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT, NORMAN?
WHAT AM I WORRIED ABOUT?
IT'S THE HOME OF THE ASGARDIAN GODS. IT'S A LITTLE OUT OF MY... WHEELHOUSE.
NORMAN, YOU'RE THE MAN IN CHARGE NOW. THESE ARE THE THINGS A MAN IN CHARGE DOES.
I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.
NORMAN, DO YOU KNOW HOW MEN OF POWER LOSE THEIR HOLD?
IT'S BECAUSE ONCE THEY GET INTO POWER THEY WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT HOLDING ON TO THAT POWER THAT THEY NEVER DO ANYTHING WITH THEIR POWER.
WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ALL THIS IF YOU'RE GOING TO BACK DOWN NOW?!
GOD IS NOT SUPPOSED TO LIVE AMONG MAN. IMMORTALS ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITH MORTALS.
WHAT WOULD THEY BE DOING DOWN HERE IF NOT POSING A THREAT TO YOU?!
WHY WOULD THEY HAVE PARKED THEIR HOME ON AMERICAN SOIL IF NOT TO CHALLENGE YOU WITH IT?
I'LL TALK TO LOKI.
LOKI?!
LOKI IS THE GOD OF MISCHIEF. WHICH MEANS YOU CANNOT, BY DEFINITION, HOLD HIM TO HIS WORD OR TRUST HIM AS ANY KIND OF ALLY.
EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO YOU IS LIES.
EVERYTHING HE SAYS SERVES HIS AGENDA. THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT TRUE.
HALF-TRUTHS AND GAMEPLAYING. IT'S WHAT HE DOES. IT'S ALL HE DOES.
IF YOU HAD CONSULTED WITH ME AT THE TIME...I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU THAT THEN.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I KNOW I'M RIGHT.
OKAY.
THANK YOU FOR THIS.
YOU SEE IT NOW, RIGHT?
YOU PULL THIS OFF...YOU ARE BULLETPROOF.
UNTOUCHABLE.
IT WILL TAKE THE LEADERS OF THE FREE WORLD DECADES TO EVEN COME TO GRIPS WITH WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED.

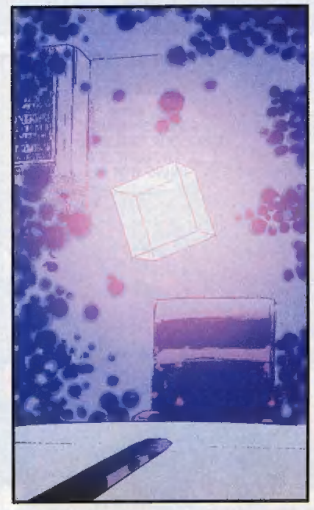
AND ALL THE MISTAKES FROM YOUR PAST, ALL THAT WENT BEFORE WILL BE A FOOTNOTE TO YOUR STORY IN THE HISTORY BOOKS.
YOU DO THIS...
...AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

AVENGERS TOWER.



HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?
HE'LL BE HERE.

WE SHOULD JUST START. I HAVE THINGS.
BE PATIENT.
SO WE JUST SIT HERE AND NOT TALK?
IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF DOING THAT, PARKER.
I'M JUST SAYING--



HE'S HERE.

THE CABAL.
I AM HERE.
WHY HAVE YOU BOTHERED VICTOR VON DOOM YET AGAIN, OSBORN?
AND WHO IS THIS FIEND?
THIS IS THE TASKMASTER, HE'S BEEN RUNNING MY TRAINING CAMP.
WE HAVE SOME OPENINGS AT OUR TABLE SO I THOUGHT I'D BRING HIM IN.
IT'S AN HONOR.
I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU TO REVERSE YOUR COURSE OF ACTION AGAINST MY ALLY, NAMOR.
AND I INVITED YOU HERE TO TELL YOU, ALL OF YOU, WHY I CAN'T DO THAT.
HE CROSSED THE LINE WITH ME. BOTH HE AND EMMA FROST.
I CANNOT ALLOW IT. PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY.

SO IF SOMEONE HERE CROSSES YOU, YOU TAKE THEM OUT AND REPLACE THEM WITH THOSE WHO WILL BEND MORE EASILY TO YOUR EVERY WISH.
SILENCE.
EXCUSE ME?

DOOM, I'VE DONE NOTHING YOU WOULDN'T DO OR HAVEN'T DONE IN THE PAST.
NOTHING.
IN FACT, THE ONLY REASON NAMOR IS STILL ALIVE IS OUT OF RESPECT TO *YOU*.
YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

I COULD NUKE THAT MUTANT ISLAND AND THAT WOULD BE THAT...BUT I *DIDN'T*.
TELL ME YOU'D DO DIFFERENTLY, IF NAMOR CROSSED YOU.
TELL ME TRUTHFULLY.

SO YOU ARE, IN FACT, HOLDING US CLOSE BUT PICKING US OFF ONE BY ONE.

NO.
NO, IN FACT, I AM DOING THE OPPOSITE.
JUST LIKE I WAS KIND ENOUGH TO HELP *YOU* IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED...
JUST LIKE I HELPED YOU GET YOUR KINGDOM OF LATVERIA BACK...

NOW IT'S TIME TO DO THE SAME FOR LOKI.
IT'S TIME FOR ASGARD TO BE OVERTHROWN SO LOKI CAN PUT IT BACK WHERE IT BELONGS AND AWAY FROM US.
SEE, I AM DOING RIGHT BY YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE.
IN TURN.
AS LONG AS YOU PLAY FAIR WITH ME I PLAY MORE THAN FAIR WITH YOU.
BRING ME NAMOR.
AND I WILL ENTERTAIN YOUR MADNESS.
NO.
I WAS NOT ASKING A QUESTION.
I RESPECT YOUR THRONE. YOU SHOULD RESPECT MINE.

YOU HAVE NO THRONE. YOU ARE NOT A KING NOR A KINGMAKER.
YOU--I'M NOT SURE WHAT ONE WOULD CALL YOU AT THIS POINT.
I'M OFFERING YOU WHAT I OFFERED YOU THE FIRST TIME WE GOT TOGETHER...
PARTNERSHIP. UNDERSTANDING. RESPECT.
PRODUCE NAMOR AND I WON'T HAVE YOU KILLED.
I SEE.
...
YOU DO REMEMBER I HAVE A WAY OF DEALING WITH YOU PHYSICALLY IF I NEED TO.
HAVE A CARE.
TO THREATEN MY PERSON IS TO THREATEN YOUR OWN.

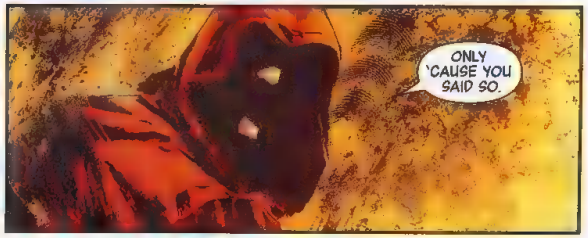
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT.
PLEASE COME IN HERE.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!!
COME ON, MAN...
LAST CHANCE.
OR OUT, DOOM.
I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN--!
FINE.
KILL HIM.

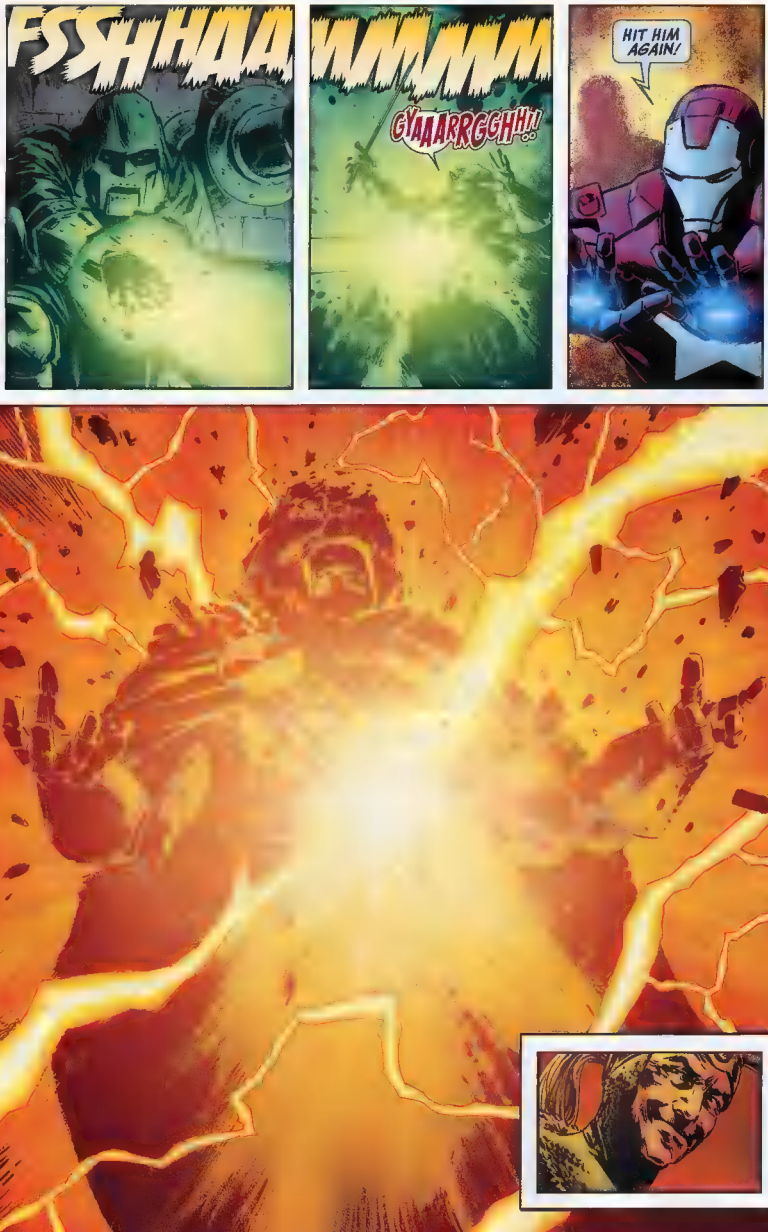
BOOM!

SWOOSHH

HELMET SECURE.
FORCE SHIELD READY.
DAMN!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!!

YOU SHOULD LEAVE, PARKER.
I SHOULD?
WAIT FOR YOUR MOMENT. THERE'S NOTHING FOR EITHER OF US HERE.


ONLY 'CAUSE YOU SAID SO.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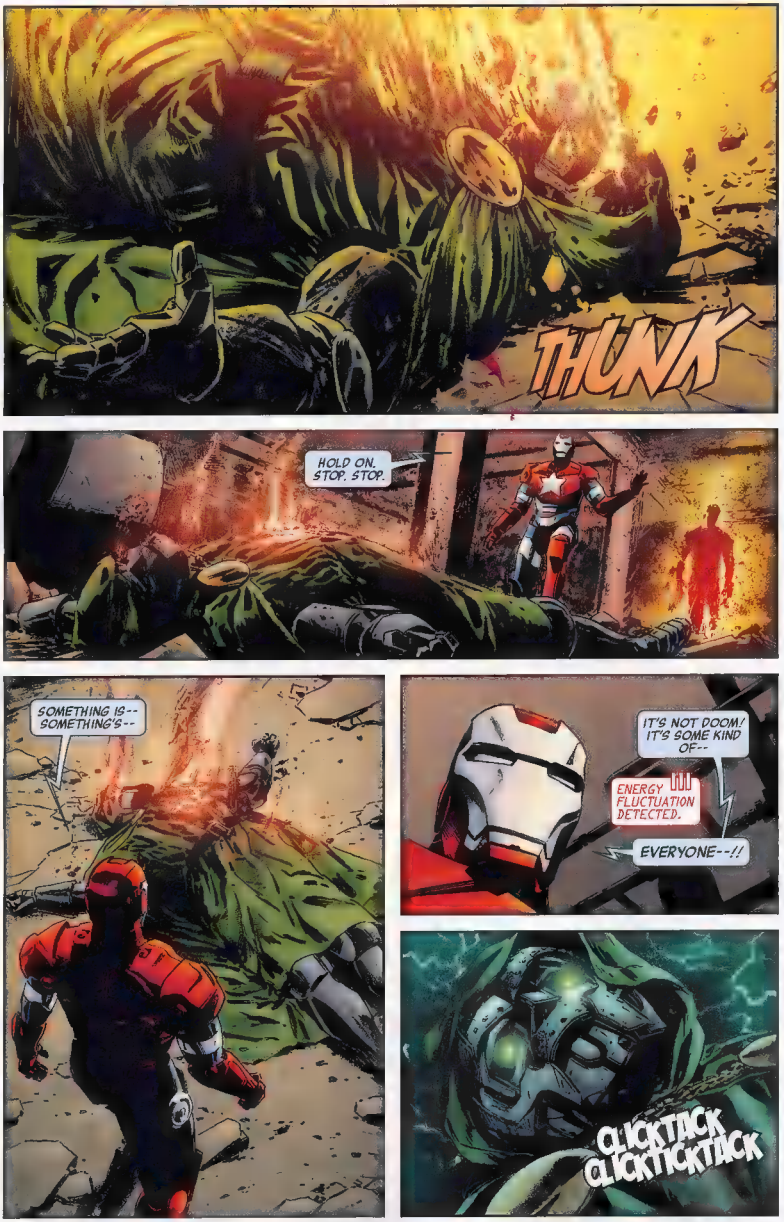
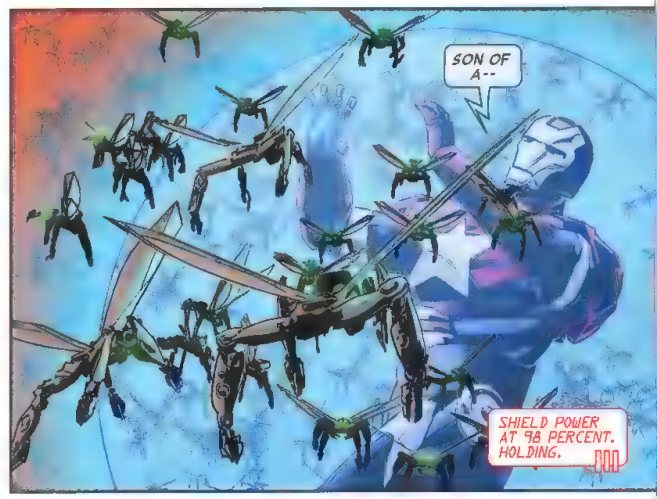
WWWW
GYAAARRGGHH!!
HIT HIM AGAIN!


THUNK
HOLD ON. STOP. STOP.
SOMETHING IS-- SOMETHING'S--
IT'S NOT DOOM! IT'S SOME KIND OF--
ENERGY FLUCTUATION DETECTED.
EVERYONE--!!
CLICKTACK CLICKTICKTACK


SON OF A--
SHIELD POWER AT 98 PERCENT. HOLDING.

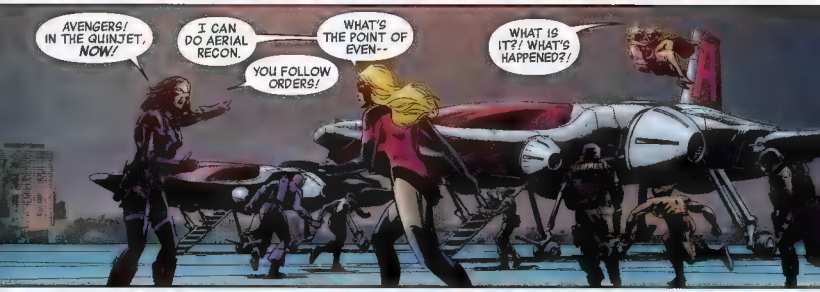
Hmm.

BOOM
Assssss
TANG TANG TANG

VICTORIA! THIS IS IRON PATRIOT. EVACUATE THE TOWER! NOW!!
THE ENTIRE--?
THE ENTIRE BUILDING!
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

THIS IS AGENT BULLOCK IN AVENGERS TOWER LOBBY!
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK! REPEAT, WE ARE--!
AARRGGHH!
THE QUINJET'S ON THE ROOF! ALL OF YOU! GO, GO!
WHY DON'T WE GET [illegible] WITH WHATEVER'S USP
THAT'S NOT THE ORDER!
FOLLOW THE ORDER!
ARMOR! ANALYZE THREAT.
UNKNOWN ENERGY SOURCE.
CAN YOU NEUTRALIZE THE UNKNOWN ENERGY SOURCE?
SHIELDS AT 44 PERCENT.

WE ARE UNDER... AARRGGHH!


AVENGERS! IN THE QUINJET, NOW!
I CAN DO AERIAL RECON.
YOU FOLLOW ORDERS!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF EVEN--
WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S HAPPENED?!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK, SENTRY. ORDERS ARE TO--
TAKE MY WIFE.
GET IN THE JET! I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE--
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
WHERE'S NORMAN--?

YOUR ORDER IS TO STAND-- ARGH!
GUY DOESN'T LISTEN!

ARMOR, ANALYZE THE ENERGY SOURCE AND TECH.
RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE.
I NEED AN OUT HERE. I NEED TO SHUT DOWN THE POWER SOURCE.
SHIELDS AT 17 PERCENT.
DAMN!
SIR.
ROB, I COULD USE YOUR HELP.
THAT-- ROBOT-THING--

SCOFF!
AGH!

WHAT WAS THIS?

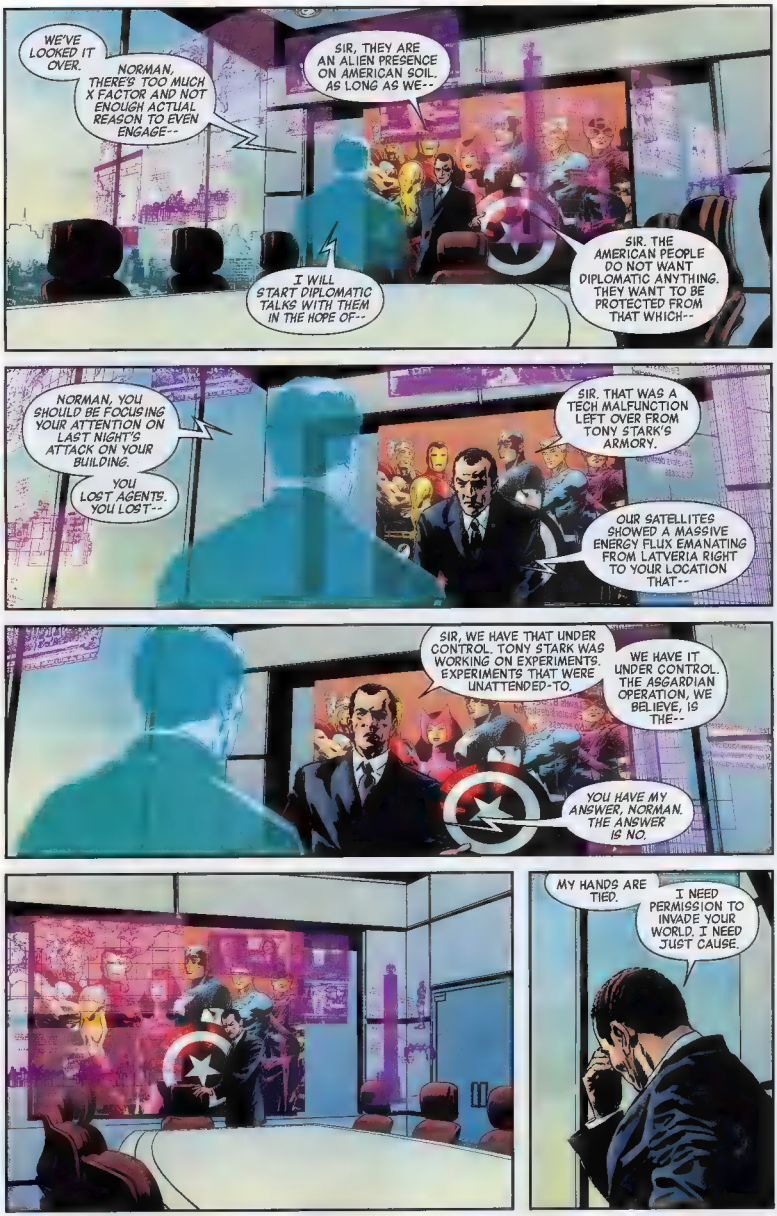
CODED TRANSMISSION OPEN.
I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME, DOOM.
THIS WAS A HUGE MISTAKE.
A HUGE, DUMB, ARROGANT, MISTAKE.
YOU JUST DECLARED WAR ON A COUNTRY FIFTY TIMES THE SIZE OF YOURS.
SO THEN THE QUESTION IS...
...HOW MANY UNWINNABLE WARS CAN YOU FIGHT AT ONCE?
YOU WILL DO NOTHING IN RETURN, OSBORN. NOTHING.
THE LESSON TODAY WAS: YOU DO NOT LAY HANDS ON VICTOR VON DOOM.

THE NEXT TIME YOU DO, I WILL NOT BE SO FORGIVING.
TO YOU...
...OR YOUR SON.

BOOM

WHAT HAPPENED?

"MISTER PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE ASGARDIAN OPERATION."


WE'VE LOOKED IT OVER.
NORMAN, THERE'S TOO MUCH X FACTOR AND NOT ENOUGH ACTUAL REASON TO EVEN ENGAGE--
SIR, THEY ARE AN ALIEN PRESENCE ON AMERICAN SOIL. AS LONG AS WE--
I WILL START DIPLOMATIC TALKS WITH THEM IN THE HOPE OF--
SIR. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT DIPLOMATIC ANYTHING. THEY WANT TO BE PROTECTED FROM THAT WHICH--
NORMAN, YOU SHOULD BE FOCUSING YOUR ATTENTION ON LAST NIGHT'S ATTACK ON YOUR BUILDING.
YOU LOST AGENTS. YOU LOST--
SIR. THAT WAS A TECH MALFUNCTION LEFT OVER FROM TONY STARK'S ARMORY.
OUR SATELLITES SHOWED A MASSIVE ENERGY FLUX EMANATING FROM LATVERIA RIGHT TO YOUR LOCATION THAT--
SIR, WE HAVE THAT UNDER CONTROL. TONY STARK WAS WORKING ON EXPERIMENTS. EXPERIMENTS THAT WERE UNATTENDED-TO.
WE HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL. THE ASGARDIAN OPERATION, WE BELIEVE, IS THE--
YOU HAVE MY ANSWER, NORMAN. THE ANSWER IS NO.
MY HANDS ARE TIED.
I NEED PERMISSION TO INVADE YOUR WORLD. I NEED JUST CAUSE.

We always knew that was going to be the case, Norman.
I thought I could just make it so.
So today you learned a lesson in humility.
But I'm RIGHT.
It is a threat to us, Asgard being where it is.
It defies the natural order. It IS a threat.
The Superhuman Civil War.
Do you know how it started?
The registration bill passed through Congress, lines were drawn...
No. No, there was an incident.
An inciting incident.
It could have happened anywhere to anyone, but it happened at a school. Children died.
Then lines were drawn.
So WE need an incident.
An Asgardian incident.

AND THAT COULD BE ARRANGED.
IN FACT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. NOT EVEN LIFT A FINGER.
BUT YOU NEED TO HOLD IT TOGETHER, NORMAN.
YOU NEED TO BE STRONG.
I AM. I WILL.
I'M OKAY.
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"My dearest Norman, I present to you... Volstagg."
"I don't know who that is, Loki."
"He is a member of the Warriors Three."
"I don't know who *they* are."
"He is a proud Asgardian warrior and ally to my brother Thor.
"Now that Asgard is on Earth he has taken it upon himself to venture out into the world and find adventure as he imagines Thor has."
"And..."
"And though Volstagg may be a mighty warrior and has a truly big heart... he is no Thor.
"When last we talked, Norman, we spoke of creating an incident, one that would further our agenda.
"Asgard does not belong on Earth and we need to rectify that situation."
"And how does Volstagg come into it?"

WEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOO
CHICAGO.
"HE KNOWS NOT THE WAYS OF EARTH.
"HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MAN'S TRUE ANIMALISTIC NATURE.
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
"HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW LOST AND DEVIANT THE HUMAN MIND CAN BE.
SPANG
SPAK
SPLICK
WEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOOWEEEEOOOO
UH-OH.
"BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY... HE KNOWS NOT THE EFFECT HIS POWER WOULD HAVE UNLEASHED UPON MORTALS...
"EVEN IN THE NAME OF GOOD. EVEN IN THE NAME OF WHAT IS JUST.

HAVE AT THEE!
"HE WILL NOT UNDERSTAND HOW HIS ACTIONS COULD BE PERCEIVED."
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?!
WELL, HE'S THE FATTEST DAMN SUPER HERO I'VE EVER SEEN..
SHOULD WE ARREST HIM?
FOR HELPING US?
IS HE HELPING US?
"SO, HOLD ON, YOU'RE SAYING--"
"ONE WOULD IMAGINE INVITING EXTRA ELEMENTS INTO VOLSTAGG'S QUEST WOULD EASILY ENSURE..."
AND WHAT MIGHT THIS BE?
YOU, SIR, ARE CAUSING TOO MUCH COMMOTION.
NO! DON'T TOUCH--

"...DISASTER."
"BUT WHO COULD WE GO TO? NOT THE THUNDERBOLTS, NOT MY AVENGERS..."
"I THOUGHT WE WOULD GO TO PARKER ROBBINS."
"THE HOOD. YES, YES, GOOD...
"BUT TELL HIM WE NEED SOMEONE FROM HIS STABLE THAT... SOMEONE WITH--"
"I KNOW WHAT WE NEED.
"WE NEED POWER."

HA!

"AND NOW YOU HAVE YOUR INCIDENT."
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